

REMARKS

After entry of the foregoing amendment, claims 1, 3-7 and 9-27 remain pending in the application.

The amendments simply cancel claim 8, and re-write its dependent claims independently. Additionally, an antecedent basis issue was noted, and corrected, in claim 17.

The amendment simplifies issues on appeal, and thus is appropriate after final.

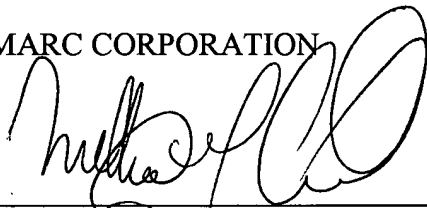
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